user participation in major and medium irrigation projects, (iii) encouragement to minor surface water lift irrigation schemes, (iv) installation of sprinkler| drip irrigation system in water scarce and drought prone areas, (v) emphasis on conjunctive use of surface and ground water and (vi) introduction of Command Area Development Programme in large minor irrigation schemes above 500 hectares. A target of creating an additional irrigation potential of 15.8 million hectares through major and medium and minor schemes has been fixed during the Eighth Plan (1992—97).

Land Erosion by Sea on West Coast

2192. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have been extending financial assistance to the affected States to contain land erosion by sea on the West Coast;

(b) if so, what is the assistance provided to Karnataka during the last three years;

(c) what are the details of works carried out by Karnataka Government; and

(d) what are the details of amounts received by Maharashtra, Goa and Kerala in the same period for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Central Government had extended Central Loan Assistance to contain land erosion by sea to the maritime States till 1991-92.

(b) The Central Loan Assistance given to Karnataka is as under :—

1990-91—NIL

1991-92—Rs. 93 Lakhs

1992-93—NIL

(c) The amount was utilised to carry out protection works against sea erosion at 32 locations in the State.

(d) During 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, no Central Loan Assistance was given to Maharashtra and Goa. During the same thhee yeass period Rs. 8.39 crore was given to Kerala.

Termination of Officers in NSFDC

2193. SHRI J. S. RAJU : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that six SC|ST officers of NSFDC have been terminated| relieved from their services;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) what is the number of persons employed in NSFDC since September, 1991 and how many of them are SCs|STs ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) and (b) Six SC|ST officials have been relieved from NSFDC till date. Out of these two officers were reverted to their parent departments on completion of their deputation, one officer was reverted to his parent organisation on his own request. Two officers were relieved by NSFDC at their own request on fresh appointment elsewhere. In one case, ad-hoc appointment was terminated as the appointee did not fulfil the required qualifications and experience as prescribed under the Recruitment Rules of the Corporation.

(c) Eleven persons have been employed in NSFDC since September, 1991.